

This is a follow up inspection to the facility's annual inspection on 7/26/2017 that was disapproved. I arrived on the premises at 3:30pm. No one was here. I contacted ACO Brown and requested that he come to the shelter. At 5:10pm, ACO Brown and Lt. Jay Jewell arrived.

Most of the previous issues from 7/26/17 have not been addressed. Today, there are several new issues. Some will require immediate correction before I depart.

Violations Requiring Immediate Correction.

1. 0201(e), 0207(a) (b,4) (c)> All kennels have excessive amounts of feces and urine in them. They need to be properly cleaned.
2. 0206> Each canine has a dirty water bucket containing stagnant dirty water with debris in the bottom. The canine in the quarantine kennel has a dirty water bucket that is half full of greenish water. The buckets need to be properly cleaned, filled with fresh clean water and returned to each canine.

Areas of Non-Compliance.

Records. 0101(1)(2)(4)(5), 0103>

1. There are 8 canines on the premises. 6 of them are from criminal case and were impounded here at the shelter on 8/24/2017. These dogs occupy kennels 1,2,3,4,5 and 7. The dog in kennel 6 was impounded for running at large and is leaving tonight. Quarantine kennel dog is owned by a citizen and is here for evaluation. There is no current correct paperwork on any of the kennels.

2. Three of the kennels have old paperwork on them depicting other dogs. This paperwork and canines were here back in July at the time of the annual inspection. Per ACO Brown's statement, that is noted in the previous inspection, the paperwork that is on the pen is the only piece of existing information on an animal. These animals are no longer here at the shelter, there is no disposition information and the only paperwork remains hanging on pens that have different canines in them.

3. ACO Brown and Lt. Jewell have informed me that paperwork for the 6 seized dogs is in a case file at the sheriff's office thus making them unavailable. The dog in kennel 6 has the only animal record available and it is in ACO Brown's truck. I am told that paperwork for the quarantine canine blew away in a recent storm. No other records, paperwork or written information are available.

Facility. 0201(a)(b)(c)(e)(k)(l), 0202(a)(b)(d), 0203(a)(e), 0207(c)(d)>

1. All concrete floors and walkways remain unsealed.
2. Wooden plank wall that supports the sink remains unchanged with water damage and flying insect nests.
3. Plastic remains stapled to the wood beams of the ceiling, around all light fixtures and ceiling fans. It continues to be a potential fire hazard.
4. Light fixtures throughout the facility have not been cleaned from cobwebs, dead bugs, dirt and debris. Bulb covers have not been provided.

5.The cat room has a very strong odor. It is dirty, has cobwebs and dead bugs. The drain hole in here remains unidentified and is full of dirt and debris. The floor and concrete wall are unsealed.

6. The sink and surrounding area are dirty.

7. The large drawstring tarp curtains that are utilized during cold and inclement weather, are laying on the ground. They are holding dirty water, hair, debris, fecal matter, strong odors and bugs.

Indoor Facilities. 0202(b)(d)(e)>

1.The indoor dog housing is not adequately ventilated to provide for the health and comfort of the animals at all times. The ceiling fans do not provide air flow adequate to minimize odors and moisture condensation.

2. The drainage system that is located behind the dog kennels does not prevent cross contamination. Nor does it rapidly eliminate excess water.

3. Surfaces such as the unsealed concrete flooring, unsealed concrete block cross contamination barriers and extensively rusted and damaged kennel fencing, are not impervious to moisture and cannot be readily sanitized.

Outdoor Facilities. 0203(a)(e)>

1.The standalone kennel has an unsealed concrete floor.

2.No suitable method of drainage has been provided to this area.

Primary Enclosures. 0204(a)(b)(c)>

1.All the dog kennels have severely rusted areas on the fencing, poles and iron strips. Most of the connector poles have rusted completely through and now have exposed jagged edges.

2.The concrete block cross contamination barriers and pen floors are not sealed.

3.Accumulations of hair, dirt and cobwebs are intertwined into the kennel fencing.

4. As ACO Brown was cleaning out the pens this evening, I observed the flow of the waste water as it emerged from the back of the kennel and into the open pathway that leads to the drain. The flow became very sluggish thus causing the waste water to begin pooling in the pathway and over flowing into the other kennels.

Feeding. 0205(b)>

1.Food bowls in the pens are very dirty and wet.

Watering. 0206>

1.All water buckets have dirty water and small debris particles in the them. Greenish colored water is noted in the bucket of the standalone kennel.

Sanitation. 0207(a)(b 1,2,3,4,6)(c)(d)>

1. As of 5:30pm, it is evident that the canine primary enclosures have not been cleaned today. Each kennel floor is saturated in urine, scattered with piles of feces and small debris. Some kennels are holding dirty standing water. Due to the unsanitary conditions and non-compliant state of these enclosures, the canines are unable to access to clean, dry areas to sit, lay or stand on. Dirty water buckets containing dirty, stagnate water are provided along with empty, dirty food bowls.
2. The primary enclosures continue to have a strong odor of urine, feces and unsanitary conditions.
3. Feces continues to accumulate behind the kennels in the drain path.
4. There are copious amounts of wet hair, fecal material, dirt and debris clinging at the bottoms of the kennel fencing and around the framing poles. After the kennels were cleaned this evening, I noted that these unsanitary accumulations remained.
5. The standalone kennel floor has large amounts of feces and evidence of urination. The dog house in here is exposing sharp jagged plastic edges where it appears to have been broken and chewed on. The inside floor has dirt and debris in it. There is no adequate drainage for this enclosure. The back and right side of the kennel is where, when cleaned, wastewater, feces and debris collects. These areas have layers of wet weeds, hair, dirt, urine, fecal material and old shavings. This mixture has also accumulated at the bottom of the pen fencing and behind and under the dog house as well.
6. The gravel in the side yard is still littered with cigarette butts, weeds and small debris. It continues to smell of urine and has many small ant hills.
7. ACO Brown has addressed the tick infestation issue. I do not see any ticks. I do see large swarms of gnats that seem to linger in the face and ear areas of all the dogs. This is an even bigger issue in the 3 dogs that appear to have untreated skin issues and poor body scores. The gnats and other external parasites are causing visible discomfort to these dogs.
8. ACO Brown states that he cleans the primary enclosures every afternoon using Dawn dish detergent and a 50/50 diluted concentration of liquid Lysol and water. This protocol is not in compliance with the Program of Veterinary Care submitted for the 2018 registration renewal.
9. There is no established protocol or program to effectively control the insect and ectoparasite infestations that remain ongoing here.
10. The building and grounds are not being kept clean and are not in good repair resulting in the inability to facilitate prescribed husbandry practices.
11. Accumulated junk, (such as large plastic barrels, an old grill, an active, rusted burn barrel and assorted debris is scattered about the premises. Animal traps that have trash and debris in them are stacked up in the front portion of the building.

Employees. 0208>

There has been an increase in the number of deficiencies since the last inspection.

Based on this increase in non-compliance, it appears there is not a sufficient number of employees to maintain the prescribed level of husbandry practices required by the NC Animal Welfare Act and its associated regulations.

Classification/Separation. 0209(5)>

There is no designated isolation area for animals being treated or observed for communicable diseases.

Veterinary Care. 0210(c)(d)>

1. The 6 seized canines have been held here at the shelter since 8/24/17. None of them have a current rabies vaccine.

2. Kennel #3 has a chocolate/tan pit mix. This dog has a body score of 1 and numerous bald, dry skin patches throughout its coat. Gnats are swarming all over this dog and kennel.

There is no indication or record of this dog receiving veterinary care for its medical conditions.

3. Kennel #4 has a white/red pit mix. This dog has a body score of 1, dry flaky skin predominately on its back and is infested with what appears to be fleas. Gnats are swarming in the kennel.

There is no indication or record of this dog receiving veterinary care for its medical conditions.

4. Kennel #5 has a small shepherd mix. This dog has a body score of 2 and skin and hair loss issues throughout its body. Gnats are swarming this dog and kennel. Several piles of soft, loose stools are noted in the pen. Dog appears lethargic.

There is no indication or record of this dog receiving veterinary care for its medical conditions.

5. Kennel #7 has a yellow lab. This dog has a body score of 2 and a quarter sized, bald pink spot on its left ear. Gnats are swarming the dog's face and ears. Flies are noted in the kennel as well.

There is no indication or record of this dog receiving veterinary care for its medical conditions.

General Statute 19A-32.1(f)(g)(h)(i)(j)>

Except for paperwork on the dog in Kennel #6, ACO Brown remains unable to produce any type of animal records or documentation to support the requirements of (f)(g)(h)(i)(j) under this statute.

This follow up inspection is disapproved.

Departure Time 7:00pm.